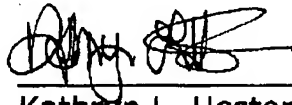


REMARKS

This amendment is submitted under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 prior to payment of the issue fee, in response to a request from Ms. Ruth Davis at the US Patent and Trademark Office. No substantive changes have been made in the application. Applicant respectfully requests that such amendments be entered into the record.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, or the remarks contained herein, Applicants' agent would welcome the opportunity to discuss such matters with the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathryn L. Hester, Ph.D.
Registration Number 46,768
DUNLAP, CODDING and ROGERS, P.C.
Customer No. 30589
P.O. Box 16370
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73113
Telephone: (405) 607-8600
Facsimile: (405) 607-8686
E-Mail: kathryn_hester@okpatents.com
Web Site: www.okpatents.com

Agent for Applicants